Alan Zelenka

Eugene City Councilor, Ward 3 Term: January 2007 - January 2011

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Community Service / Involvement

- Chair, Eugene City Council, 2009
- City of Eugene Budget Committee, 1993-1996, member 1991-1999
- Chair, City System Improvement Subcommittee, 1995-1996
- Chair, Human Services Commission, 1995-2000
- President, City Club of Eugene, 1996-1997, Board member 1995-1999
- Chair and Founder, Safe & Sound Project, Eugene, 1997-2001
- President, Leadership-Eugene, Eugene Chamber of Commerce, 1990-1991
- Chair, Fairmount Neighbors UO Basketball Arena Committee, 2005-present
- Chair, Climate Trust of Oregon, 2004-present
- Founder and Treasurer, Renewable Northwest Project, 1994-present
- Executive Committee, Public Power Council, 2000-2006
- President, Solar Energy Association of Oregon, 1990-1993, Board member 1988-1998
- Board Member, Northwest Energy Coalition (NWEC), 2000-2004

Current Council Assignments

- Budget Committee
- Sustainability Commission
- Lane Workforce Partnership
- Metropolitan Policy Committee

Professional Background

- Legislative Affairs & IT Manager, Emerald PUD, 2005 present
- Resources Manager, Emerald PUD, 2000 2005
- Resources and Energy Services Supervisor, Emerald PUD, 1995-2000
- Senior Resource Specialist, Emerald PUD, 1988-1995
- Resource Specialist, Emerald PUD, 1986-1988

Educational Background

- M.S., University of Oregon, Interdisciplinary Degree in energy and environmental policy and planning, 1990
- B.A., University of California at Berkeley, Political Economy, 1982
- United States Air Force Academy, Colorado, transferred 116 units, 1978-1980

Special Interests and Concerns

- Sustainability and environmental protection
- Neighborhood protection, livability and safety
- Strong neighborhood associations
- Human services
- Civil liberties and social equity
- Sustainable economic development
- Citizen involvement
- Effective and efficient city services

Personal Statement

I have lived in Eugene for over 20 years and I am thrilled to serve the people of Ward 3. As your new City Councilor, I will be working to ensure that the City focuses at least some of its efforts in three areas. First, the City should continue and enhance its efforts to protect our environment and promote sustainability. We need to create a future based on sustainable use of resources, innovative thinking, and creative solutions. It is of particular importance to me that we successfully shepherd into existence the new Office of Sustainability and Citizen Sustainability Commission. Second, we need to be smart in our approach to development, growth and density; and consider livability and the protection of our neighborhoods in all of our decisions. We need to work harder to preserve the unique character and livability of our neighborhoods, enhance our safety, and reduce the impacts of traffic. Third, we must have a City government that is fair and open, which listens to its citizens, puts people's interests above special interests, and gets things done.

